

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1 1. A method of facilitating operation of a mobile user device at a location,
2 comprising:

3 determining a location policy associated with the location;

4 determining user device information associated with the mobile user device; and

5 arranging for the mobile user device to operate in accordance with the location
6 policy and the user device information.

1 2. The method of claim 1, wherein said determining the location policy
2 comprises at least one of: (i) retrieving a pre-stored location policy, (ii) receiving an
3 indication of the location policy from a location device, (iii) evaluating a plurality of
4 potential location policies, and (iv) receiving an indication of the location policy via a
5 third-party service device.

1 3. The method of claim 2, wherein the indication of the location policy comprises
2 at least one of: (i) the location policy, (ii) a location identifier, (iii) a policy identifier, (iv)
3 a pointer to a location policy, and (v) payment information.

1 4. The method of claim 1, wherein the user device information comprises at least
2 one of: (i) information associated with the mobile user device, (ii) information associated
3 with a user, (iii) a user device policy, (iv) a policy identifier, (v) a user device identifier,
4 (vi) a user identifier, (vii) a user category, and (viii) payment information.

1 5. The method of claim 1, wherein said determining the user device information
2 comprises at least one of: (i) retrieving pre-stored user device information, (ii) receiving

3 an indication of the user device information from the mobile user device, and (iii)
4 receiving an indication of the user device information via a third-party service device.

1 6. The method of claim 1, wherein said arranging further comprises:
2 comparing the location policy with the user device information.

1 7. The method of claim 1, wherein said arranging further comprises:
2 determining whether to apply the location policy based on the user device
3 information.

1 8. The method of claim 1, wherein said arranging further comprises:
2 negotiating a policy to be applied by the mobile user device.

1 9. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
2 verifying that the mobile user device operates in accordance with the location
3 policy and the user device information.

1 10. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
2 arranging for a user to receive a notification associated with operation of the
3 mobile user device in accordance with the location policy and the user device
4 information.

1 11. The method of claim 1, wherein the location is associated with at least one of:
2 (i) proximity to a location device, (ii) a location boundary, (iii) a mobile location, (iv) a

3 plurality of locations, (v) an event time, (vi) an event area, (vii) an education area, and
4 (viii) a health care area.

1 12. The method of claim 1, wherein the mobile user device comprises at least one
2 of: (i) a mobile computing device, (ii) a personal digital assistant, (iii) a communication
3 device, (iv) a wireless telephone, (v) a pager, (vi) an information storage device, (vii) an
4 audio recording device, and (viii) an image recording device.

1 13. The method of claim 1, wherein operation of the user device is associated
2 with communication via at least one of: (i) a wireless network, (ii) a wireless local area
3 network, (iii) an infrared radiation network, (iv) a communication network, (v) a
4 Bluetooth network, and (vi) an 802.11 network.

1 14. The method of claim 1, wherein said arranging is performed by a location
2 device.

1 15. The method of claim 1, wherein said arranging is performed by the mobile
2 user device.

1 16. The method of claim 1, wherein said arranging is performed by a third-party
2 service device.

1 17. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
2 arranging for a third-party service to exchange payment associated with at least
3 one of: (i) a user and (ii) a location.

1 18. The method of claim 1, wherein the operation of the mobile user device is
2 associated with at least one of: (i) receiving information, (ii) storing information, (iii)
3 transmitting information, and (iv) providing information to a user.

1 19. A computer-implemented method of facilitating operation of a wireless
2 communication device at a location, comprising:
3 establishing a location policy associated with the location;
4 receiving a device policy from the wireless communication device;
5 comparing the location policy with the device policy; and
6 transmitting information to arrange for the wireless communication device to
7 communicate in accordance with the location policy and the device policy.

1 20. An apparatus, comprising:
2 a processor; and
3 a storage device in communication with said processor and storing instructions
4 adapted to be executed by said processor to:
5 determine a location policy associated with a location;
6 determine user device information associated with a mobile user device;
7 and
8 arrange for the mobile user device to operate in accordance with the
9 location policy and the user device information.

1 21. The apparatus of claim 20, wherein said storage device further stores at least
2 one of: (i) a user device policy database, (ii) a user device operation status database, (iii)
3 a location policy database, and (iv) a location operation status database.

1 22. The apparatus of claim 20, further comprising: 1
2 a communication device coupled to said processor and adapted to communicate
3 with at least one of: (i) a user device, (ii) a location device, (iii) a third-party service
4 device, and (iv) a payment device.

1 23. A medium storing instructions adapted to be executed by a processor to
2 perform a method of facilitating operation of a mobile user device at a location, said
3 method comprising:
4 determining a location policy associated with the location;
5 determining user device information associated with the mobile user device; and
6 arranging for the mobile user device to operate in accordance with the location
7 policy and the user device information.

1 24. A method of facilitating operation of a mobile user device at a location,
2 comprising:
3 determining a user device policy associated with the mobile user device;
4 determining location information associated with the location; and
5 arranging for the mobile user device to operate in accordance with the user device
6 policy and the location information.

1 25. A method of facilitating operation of a mobile user device at a location,
2 comprising:
3 determining a location policy associated with the location;
4 determining a user device policy associated with the mobile user device; and
5 arranging for the mobile user device to operate in accordance with at least one of:
6 (i) the location policy, and (ii) the user device policy.

